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Special Tax Edition

The income tax filing deadline is less than one month away. Don't panic - here is some useful information to help you complete your tax return.

Tax guides available across the district

Free tax guides are available to assist you. The guide gives you the latest information in simple to understand terms, all in one publication. It includes information for the 2009 tax year on property taxes, homestead property tax credits, farmland and open space tax relief, the home heating credit program, the Michigan Income Tax, the Single Business Tax, and other tax related subjects.

The Tax Guides are available at the following locations in the 7th Senate District:

Northville City Hall
Northville Public Library and Senior Center
Northville Township Hall
Plymouth Township Hall
Plymouth City Hall and Plymouth District Library
Canton Township Hall
Canton Public Library and Senior Center
Fred C. Fischer Library – Belleville
Van Buren Township Hall and Senior Center
Sumpter Township Hall

Huron Township Hall
Brownstown Township Hall
Grosse Ile Township Hall
Flat Rock City Hall and Flat Rock Library
Rockwood City Hall
Gibraltar City Hall
Trenton City Hall and Trenton Veterans Library
Woodhaven City Hall

An online version of the 2010 Tax Guide is available by visiting Senator Patterson's website at <http://www.senatorbrucepatterson.com/>

Beware of Tax Scams

The IRS is warning of tax refund phishing scams. These scams look like official emails from the IRS but instead are fraudulent emails from scam artists trying to solicit personal information from you to steal your identity, access bank accounts, use your credit cards or apply for loans.

If you receive an unsolicited e-mail from someone claiming to be from the IRS, don't open any attachments or click on links included in the e-mail. Instead, forward the message to the IRS at <mailto:phishing@irs.gov>

For more information, go to the Internal Revenue website at <http://www.irs.gov/>

Senator Patterson has pending legislation that would enact tougher penalties on phishing scammers in Michigan.

AARP Tax Preparation Assistance

The AARP tax aid program offers one-on-one counseling to help individuals prepare basic tax forms. Representatives will be in the following locations in the 7th Senate District:

Northville Senior Center

303 W. Main Street in Northville

Every Thursday through April 15th from 9:00 am to 2:30pm

Appointments are required by calling (248) 349-4140.

Canton Recreation Center

46000 Summit Parkway in Canton

Every Tuesday through April 13th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm

Appointments are required by calling (734) 394-5460.

Plymouth District Library

223 S. Main Street in Plymouth

Every Wednesday through April 14th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm

Appointments are required by calling (734) 453-1234 Ext. 236

Westfield Center

2700 Westfield in Trenton

Every Friday through April 9th from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Appointments are required by calling (734) 675-0063

Are you appealing your property tax assessment?

By visiting Senator Patterson's website,

<http://www.senatorbrucepatterson.com/> you can learn how to effectively appeal your property tax assessment. The directions are easy to follow and there is even a sample appeal letter. Also, included is contact information on all of the 7th Senate district assessors. The information is concise and easy to understand.

Useful Websites

Internal Revenue Service
State of Michigan Senate

www.irs.gov
www.michigan.gov/taxes

Contact Information

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